

### A FINAL NOTE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DON HORSTMAN

I would like to thank the staff, students and residents of Kalida Local Schools. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work at one of the best school districts in the state and in the country. I also have had the good fortune to work with a caring, motivated, and innovative staff over the last eleven years. Along with a great staff; the students, parents, and community are dedicated to doing what it takes to have a high quality school system.

I am very proud of the things the district has accomplished since 2003. We have worked together to build two brand new buildings, increase the use of technology, increase academic and extra-curricular offerings, and put the district on sound financial footing. Those accomplishments were realized thanks to the great people attending, living, and working in Kalida Local Schools.

Thank you again for everything all of you have done for me during my time here. I hope I have left Kalida Local Schools just a little better than it was when I arrived, and I also hope I have been able to contribute a little towards our motto of "A Tradition of Excellence." ~ **Don Horstman** 



### **NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

Congratulations to Mr. Karl Lammers on his appointment as the new Kalida School Superintendent. Mr. Lammers has been the elementary school principal since 1999. Karl is a 1978 graduate of Kalida High School and lives in Glandorf with his wife Gretchen. They have two adult sons, Eric and A.J.

"I am excited and honored to be named the next superintendent of Kalida Local Schools," says Mr. Lammers. "I look forward to continuing the proud tradition of education associated with this community and I will work diligently with all stakeholders to lead that pursuit of excellence."

### OHIO ALERTS LISTS WILL BE CLEARED

Once again the district will be clearing out the text alert system lists we use to make athletic, activity, building, and district-wide announcements. Over the course of a school year we start to experience a large amount of returned messages as people change email accounts and cell phone numbers. As a result it is necessary to purge the system at the end of each school year. If you wish to continue receiving alerts please go to <a href="http://ohioalerts.org/Kalida">http://ohioalerts.org/Kalida</a> and click on the "Subscribe to Alerts" tab on the left side of the page. You can also click on the "Check Your Current Subscriptions" tab to see if you are still on the desired lists. The lists will all be cleared and/or reviewed on June 30, 2014.

# Best Wishes to Ms. Hyatt and Mr. Gordon as They Leave KHS

"It breaks my heart to have to leave Kalida High School and Putnam County. My husband and I are relocating to the Cleveland area for his job, and next fall I will begin teaching at Firelands High School. I can only hope that the school and community there will be half as caring and supportive as they are here. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students of Kalida as they learned and grew as people over the past four years, and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful experience I had as a Wildcat." — *Denaya Hyatt* 

"My wife, Jan, and I have been planning to move closer to Jan's family in Maine for some time now but wanted to wait until I retired. Realizing that I could easily teach for another ten years or so, we decided to make the move now while we could still experience the outdoor activities we both enjoy; activities that Maine's coast and mountains offer."

~ Leaving Ohio but not retiring,

Dave Gordon



# **Scholarships Awarded**

Ron and Sharon Heitmeyer and family awarded the final **Jeff L. Heitmeyer Memorial Scholarship** to six Kalida High School Seniors at the spring awards assembly held on May 7. The family announced that the scholarship was created in the memory of their son and has been awarded to seniors over the past eleven years since Jeff's accidental death in 2003 and this would be the final award. Six \$1000 scholarships were awarded to graduating KHS seniors Andrew Krouse, Adam Langhals, Kiersten Recker, Sarah Verhoff,

Adam Langhals, Kiersten Recker, Sarah Verhoff Paige Wurth and Randy Zeller.

### **Library Donations to Kalida Local**

A sincere "thank you" to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools' libraries this past 2013-14 school year.

### Kalida Elementary Library Memorial Book Donations

Donated by	In Memory Of
Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff	Sarah Stewart
Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff	Bernard Averesch
Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff	Daniel Fortman
Janet & John Smith	Daniel Fortman
Carl & Ruth Vorst and Dwayne & Annie Ketcham	Theresa Erhart
Carl & Ruth Vorst and Dwayne & Annie Ketcham	Kristin Vennekotter
Duane & Sherry Luebrecht	Sarah Stewart
Duane & Sherry Luebrecht	Bernard Averesch
Hoffman Family, in-laws of Ruth (Erhart) Hoffman	Theresa Erhart
Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff	Orville Eickholt
Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff	Judith Miller

### **Other Kalida Elementary Library Donations**

Donated by Title

Andrea Burgei in honor of Mrs. Imm, Christmas 2013

Joe & Linda Hovest, Donation for 3rd grade nonfiction books

### **Music Booster Calendars**

If you did not get contacted in May to purchase a Music Booster Calendar but want to order one, please call Michele Doepker, 419-532-2084, by June 14. The cost is \$10. This fundraiser benefits both the band and choir programs at Kalida schools. Thank you!

### Travel Abroad

Gasser-Explorica Travels is announcing a new trip for Kalida adults scheduled for October, 2016 to Berlin-Prague-Krakow-Auschwitz and Budapest. Go to explorica.com/gasser-9229 for more detailed information. You can also contact Robert 'Sonny' Gasser at rigasser@bright.net..

# Honor Roll 4th Quarter All A's

5th Grade-Luke Erhart, Paige Helmke, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Jillian Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Ryan Lucke, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Will Zeller. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - McKenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Kyla Fortman, Kaitlyn Keefer, Tyler Klausing, Abby Maag, Evan Roebke, Kamryn Wurth. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tara Gerding, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Ethan Schmenk, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst, Allison Wurth, Jack Zeller. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Anna Berheide, Braden Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Josh Klausing, Sarah Klausing, Kierstan Siebeneck. Freshmen—Erica Edwards, Bailey Eickholt, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Knueve, Caleb Siebeneck, Trent Siebeneck, Jade Zeller. Sophomores – Cathy Basinger, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Paige Roller, Allison Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Kassie Warnecke, Allison Wurth. Juniors—Katey Buss, Mariah Doepker, Kennedy Hoffman, Melissa Jorrey, Erin Knueve, Devin Kortokrax, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Olivia Schmenk, Casey Wehri, Grant Zeller. Seniors—Alexis Decker, Meredith Kromer, Justine Verhoff.

### **AB Honor Roll**

**5th Grade**—Adam Basinger, Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Olivia Decker, Ben Doepker, Connor Erhart, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Reagan Klausing, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Luke Meyer, Melanie Meyers, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Morgan Schroeder, Jada Siebeneck, Jasmine Vorst. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Clay Bellmann, Clara Elkins, Colin Erhart, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Claudia Hopkins, Gabe Hovest, Ben Johnson, Matthew Kehres, Madison Langhals, McKayla Maag, Grace Miller, David Peck, Carlie Rampe, Brayden Recker, Lydia Remlinger, Hannah Schroeder, Trevor Siefker, Zach von der Embse, Sydney Wurth, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Sami Backus, Racheal Basinger, Keith Doepker, Melissa Erhart, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Trevor Lambert, Lauryn Langhals, Treyton Martin, Morgan Mock, Devin Murphy, Makenna Niese, Megan Schulte, Bradley Siefker, Hannah Smith, Josh Verhoff. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Nick Cleemput, Noah Hermiller, Chandler Hopkins, Taylor Lucke, Connor Niese, Tori Niese, Kara Siefker, Javlen Vandemark, Hannah Warn, Trevor Wurth, Taylor Zeller. Freshmen –Bryce Brinkman, Derek Buss, Kelly Doepker, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Brianna Good, Keara Hopkins, Hannah Kahle, Layne Keefer, Dana Knueve, Noah Lambert, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Tyler Lehman, Carlee Miller, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Sierra Schroeder, Jenna Siefker, Adam von der Embse. Sophomores—Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Brandon Erhart, Trent Gerding, Drew Hovest, Joni Kaufman, Laine Laudick, Trevor Maag, Sam Nagy, Nathan Nordhaus, Kylie Osterhage, Allison Recker, Kaleb Selhorst, Katelyn Siebeneck, Taylor Siefker, Austin Swift, Alex von der Embse, Renee Vorst, Sidney White. Juniors- Rebecca Brinkman, Ben Burkhart, Jacob Dunn, Molly Ellerbrock, Lindsey Erhart, Zach Erhart, Jacquelyn Gardner, Trevor Holtkamp, Brent Hovest, Cole Miller, Morgan Niese, Ryan Siefker, Aaron Tenwalde, Megan Vine, Alexis Vorst, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst. Seniors – Dana Cattell, Dylan Hoffman, Ryan Kahle, Katelyn Kortokrax, Adam Langhals, Pat Millott, Kiersten Recker, Nicole Reindel, Ryan Schulte, Kylie Siebeneck, Whitney Smith, Elizabeth Turnwald, Randy Zeller.

# All Sport Passes

All Sport Passes will be available in the Treasurer's Office beginning
August 1. Passes get you into all home games except for tournament games.

Prices are:

\$325
\$115
\$85
\$85

# **Superintendent Don Horstman** 419-532-3534

# High School Principal Chris Pfahler Elementary Principal Karl Lammers

### **School Board Members**

Sue M. Gerdeman-President Gerry Vorst-Vice President Nicole Niemeyer Emily Peck Greg von der Embse

#### **School Board Meetings**

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM Kalida School Board Room

### **May Music Booster Winners**

\$150 Ann Schroeder

\$100 Scott Schnipke

\$75 Trevor Vorst

\$75 Dennis/Darlene Hanneman

\$50 Dick Kortokrax (1)

\$50 Don/Marcia Barnhart

\$50 Angela Hanneman

\$50 Dick Kortokrax (2)

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### **Senior Summary—Class of 2014**

Congratulations to the class of 2014 who graduated during commencement on Sunday, May 25. This graduating class is comprised of 42 graduates. Their future endeavors span a wide array of career interests as their selected majors in college and vocational training cover a great variety of fields and professions. The health care sector is again the big area of interest for this year's graduating class. Sixteen graduates are considering a major and, inevitably, a career related in some way to the health care profession!! - 4 in nursing, 3 in speech pathology/hearing science, 2 in pharmacy, 1 in athletic training, 1 in occupational therapy, 1 in pre-medicine for optometry school, 1 in advanced medical imagining, 1 in exercise science, 1 in orthopaedic assisting, and 1 in psychology. Engineering and business are the second most popular fields of choice with 6 grads considering business or accounting related fields while 3 other members of the class of 2014 are considering a major in engineering (aerospace, mechanical, computer). Other career plans include animal science, electrical technologies, early childhood education, carpentry management, computer science, music therapy, and computer and information science, Five of our recent grads completed their training in programs at the Vantage Career Center and will either be seeking employment in their specialized areas or more advanced training at technical schools. One graduate has chosen to serve our country in the United States Air Force.

Graduates will be attending schools and seeking employment not only in the Putnam county area, but also throughout all regions of Ohio as well as outside of the state. The state universities of Ohio were among the most popular destination choices for this year's grads. Twenty-five members of the 2014 graduating class have chosen to attend one of these schools. Thus, there will be at least one Kalida alumni from the class of 2014 on 5 of the 13 Ohio 4-year university campuses. Seven will be become Buckeyes at the Ohio State University. One will attend Ohio State ATI in Wooster, Ohio. Destinations to other 4-year state universities in Ohio include the following: Toledo University , University of Cincinnati, Bowling Green State University, and Miami University. Other grads will be attending 2-year state schools including: James A. Rhodes State College and Owens Community College . Other schools of choice for our recent grads include: University of Findlay, The University of Northwestern Ohio, University of Dayton, Ohio Northern University and Indiana Tech in Ft. Wayne.

In summary, it was another great year for a very talented senior class. This year's graduates earned or were awarded scholarships in excess of \$500,000 for their academic achievements. We are extremely proud of all our graduates for their accomplishments and wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors as they represent their families, community, and our school. Congratulations!!!